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The Lost Grave-Stone.—It will be recolected that, abouta year ago, inquiries were made in the Banner, respecting the tomb-stone, which has disappeared from the grave of Mrs. Robinson, in the old grave-yard near the house of Mr. Manuel Caton, within about ten years. These inquries brought out several facts, which may, at some time, be of interest for publication. But the main fact in question, as to where that stone is, or by whom removed, is yet not known. Rev. Dr. Robinson of New-York, has himself, with his sister, recently visited this place with reference to this matter; and, as he is about publishing a book, in which allusion to it will be made, he will regard it as a great favor, should any one in possession of the history of the disappearance of this grave-stone communicate it to him. Commendable interest has been taken by Messrs. Jonathan Nickerson, Daniel Small, Godfrey Ryder and other elderly men in our community, in this search, and it is to be hoped that a stone, recollected and described very particularly by a man as young as Mr. Carson, has not disappeared without some one in town being able to relate more than has yet been learned respecting this matter.

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people allow slavery; government supports it; this affects health, and abbreviates life. The African, in his native country, is very long lived; the American slave is very short lived, much shorter than white Americans. The lives of thousands are shortened by municipal neglect in draining and cleansing certain localities in large cities All the South Cove lands will be unhealthy perhaps for centuries to come; the land is low and fetid; now it is a great town ulcer. A rich man can live where he will; the poor man where he must; thus misery is entailed from this evil on hundreds, for centuries to come. These existing evils are avoided by municipal authority in the new lands now making,

Excessive eating and drinking is a po-

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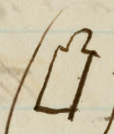
Rev. Dr. Robinson

Dear Sir—

Yours of the 22d ult. was duly received. You place me under great obligations to you for your kind offer to send me the book to which you refer— Suffer me to renew my thanks for the beautiful copy of your "Palestine"—

I have written an item, respecting the matter in question, which will appear in the Provincetown Banner of this week— a copy of which I will send you,— making further inquiries respecting the stone. I have also taken the liberty to call upon several gentlemen in the neighborhood of the grave, to learn if possible, further particulars respecting the disappearance of the stone. I find several quite young men who well recollect the stone and its size and shape. While conversing with Mr Phineas Freeman to-day upon the matter, he told me that he recollected well that stone, as he was employed where he daily saw it when it was standing, and, as he made this statement, Mr J. P. Johnson passed us, whom, he ~~stated~~, ~~[illegible]~~ called upon him, just fourteen years ago, and asked him to point out that grave stone, which he did. I detained Mr. Johnson, who confirmed this statement, and ga the reason that he made the request, as above stated by Mr Freeman. It seems that Mr Johnson, several years before, had been surprised by finding *such a stone* in *such a place*," but was unable to find it afterwards, and hence he called for the information which he obtained from Mr Freeman.

I asked Mr Johnson if he ~~could~~ called to mind the shape of the stone. He said he did, and stooping down he drew upon the ground the shape of the stone, () and Mr. Freeman said "that was the form of it." Mr Johnson further stated that the stone was "not upright but inclined to fall".

Mr. Freeman told me the place where the stone stood was buried considerably with sand as he had recently noticed. These facts, with others, leads me to hope that the stone may yet be buried in some part of the yard where we were less careful to dig and examine than we might have been, and I have, therefore, obtained Mr Fremon's consent to accompany me with the design of digging sufficiently to learn whether we might not have, after all, formerly dug one side of it –

The statement of Mrs. Louth, so nearly corresponding with that of her husband, as made to me just before her death, (under circumstances that would forbid the conclusion that they had agreed upon this statement between them if they had been disposed to do so,) would certainly lead us to suppose that the stone disappeared suddenly, or was not buried by the sand. Yet as soon as the ground is sufficiently free from frost to have another trial I will endeavor to learn as to the possibility of its yet remaining there – And I hope that the notice in the Banner will call the attention of some one in the community to the matter, who will be able to state something respecting the mode of removal, if indeed it was carried off.

But I will write you again – Yours truly O. Myrick